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William F. Caton, Secretary
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1919 M Street, N.W., Room 222
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RE: CC Docket 96-45

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Dear Mr. Caton:

On March 20, 1996, at the request of the Joint Board Staff, we distributed copies of our Benchmark Cost Model (BCM) to the Joint Board service list. After distribution it was noticed that Page IV-2 of the document was not legible. Accordingly, we are attaching a copy of that page for replacement in our original submission. We regret any inconvenience which this may have caused.

In accordance with Section 1.1206(a)(2) of the Commission's rules, the original and one copy of this letter, with attachment, are being filed with your office.

Acknowledgment and date of receipt of this letter are requested. A duplicate copy of the letter is included for this purpose. Please contact me should you have any questions concerning this matter.

Sincerely,



Attachments

cc: Joint Board Service List

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B. Model Methods

1. Assumptions

Architecture

- Feeder cable (cable placed so that it can be supplemented at a later date) begins at the central office and ends at the edge of the CBG.
- Four main feeder routes leave each central office (north, south, east, west), with feeder route boundaries at 45 degree angles from the main feeder routes. (See page 19 Figure 1)
- Cable and fiber feeder systems share structure (conduit systems, poles, placement costs) along main feeder routes.
- Feeder routes are segmented at taper points where the cable capacity decreases as cable capacity is provided to individual CBG distribution systems.
- Each feeder segment's cable size (both fiber and copper) is determined based upon the number of households in the CBGs served by that feeder segment as well as the fill factor applicable to that CBG.
- Feeder cable sizes range from 100 pair cable to 4200 pair cable for copper and from 12 strands to 144 strands for fiber.
- Households are evenly distributed in the CBG.
- Distribution cable begins at the edge of the CBG and ends at the customer premise.
- Four equal distribution legs used to serve CBG.
- Distribution cable sizes range from 50 pair cable to 3600 pair cable for copper.

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